

# State of Washington REPORT OF EXAMINATION FOR WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

PRIORITY DATE  
8/2/2012

WATER RIGHT NUMBER  
G4-35577

MAILING ADDRESS  
ELI SHOVAL  
C/O MAIZEL & ASSOC  
9311 SE 36TH ST #112  
MERCER ISLAND WA 98040

SITE ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)  
Woods and Steele Road  
Cle Elum, WA 98922

## Quantity Authorized for Withdrawal or Diversion

| WITHDRAWAL OR DIVERSION RATE | UNITS | ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR) |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 17.92                        | GPM   | 1.655                   |

## Purpose

| PURPOSE           | WITHDRAWAL OR DIVERSION RATE |              | UNITS | ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR) |              | PERIOD OF USE<br>(mm/dd) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|                   | ADDITIVE                     | NON-ADDITIVE |       | ADDITIVE                | NON-ADDITIVE |                          |
| Domestic Multiple | 17.92                        |              | GPM   | 1.568                   |              | 01/01 - 12/31            |
| Irrigation        |                              | 17.92        | GPM   | 0.087                   |              | 06/01 - 09/30            |

## REMARKS

Domestic multiple for up to 4 residences and irrigation of lawn and garden for up to 2,000 square feet or 0.044 acre. The single independent instantaneous quantity is calculated at 4.48 gallons per minute. Combined instantaneous quantity from the well identified by Ecology's unique well tag # APG-193 shall not exceed 33 gallons per minute (gpm) between 7 total connections.

| ADDITIVE | IRRIGATED ACRES |              | PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION |             |
|----------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
|          | ADDITIVE        | NON-ADDITIVE | WATER SYSTEM ID                 | CONNECTIONS |
| 0.044    |                 | 0            | Wedgwood Estates (AC434)        | 7           |

## Source Location

| COUNTY   | WATERBODY   | TRIBUTARY TO | WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| KITTITAS | GROUNDWATER |              | 39-UPPER YAKIMA               |

| SOURCE FACILITY/DEVICE | PARCEL | WELL TAG | TWP | RNG | SEC | QQ Q | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE  |
|------------------------|--------|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|----------|------------|
| 1 Well                 | 957004 | APG193   | 19N | 15E | 07  | SWNE | 47.15609 | -121.01257 |

Datum: NAD83/WGS84



**Place of Use (See Attached Map)**

**PARCELS**

957007, 957008, 957009, and 957010

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF AUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE**

Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7 of WEDGWOOD ESTATES, according to the Plat recorded in volume 12 of Plats at page(s) 12-14, records of Kittitas County, Washington.

**Proposed Works**

The subject well was drilled in 2006 (Ecology unique well ID # APG-193) to a depth of 123 feet. A 6-inch casing and a 5-horsepower submersible pump are installed in the well. The delivery system includes an 87-gallon pressure tank and uses 2-inch PVC for the 1,900 lineal feet of mainline outgoing pipes. Water from this well will be used for this project for indoor domestic and outdoor supply. With the addition of this proposal, water from this well will be used for multiple domestic and incidental irrigation supplies totaling 7 connections. Wedgwood Estates is a Department of Health (DOH) approved Group B community, private water system and will be regulated by DOH.

Domestic wastewater will be discharged to an individual on-site septic system, pursuant to the *Declaration of Covenant* signed July 28, 2012, by the subject applicant.

**Development Schedule**

**BEGIN PROJECT**  
Begun

**COMPLETE PROJECT**  
December 31, 2022

**PUT WATER TO FULL USE**  
December 31, 2027

**Measurement of Water Use**

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| How often must water use be measured?                 | Bi-weekly*                           |
| How often must water use data be reported to Ecology? | Annually (Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> )    |
| What volume should be reported?                       | Total Annual Volume (af)             |
| What rate should be reported?                         | Annual Peak Rate of Withdrawal (gpm) |

\*Bi-weekly means every 2 weeks.

**Provisions**

**Wells, Well Logs and Well Construction Standards**

The subject well and the right to use water from it is restricted to and authorized for the Spex Arth Creek alluvial sediment aquifer.

All wells constructed in the state shall meet the construction requirements of WAC 173-160 titled "Minimum Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Wells" and RCW 18.104 titled "Water Well Construction." Any well which is unusable, abandoned, or whose use has been permanently discontinued, or which is in such disrepair that its continued use is impractical or is an environmental, safety or public health hazard shall be decommissioned.

All wells shall be tagged with a Department of Ecology unique well identification number. If you have an existing well and it does not have a tag, please contact the well-drilling coordinator at the regional Department of Ecology office issuing this decision. This tag shall remain attached to the well. If you are required to submit water measuring reports, reference this tag number.



In accordance with WAC 173-160, wells shall not be located within certain minimum distances of potential sources of contamination. These minimum distances shall comply with local health regulations as appropriate. In general, wells shall be located at least 100 feet from sources of contamination. Wells shall not be located within 1,000 feet of the boundary of a solid waste landfill.

#### **Measurements, Monitoring, Metering and Reporting**

An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for each of the sources identified by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use," WAC 173-173.

Water use data shall be recorded bi-weekly and maintained by the property owner for a minimum of five years. The maximum rate of withdrawal and the annual total volume shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

Recorded water use data shall be submitted via the Internet. To set up an Internet reporting account, contact the Ecology Central Regional Office. If you do not have Internet access, you can still submit hard copies by contacting the Central Regional Office for forms to submit your water use data.

WAC 173-173 describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition the Department of Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements.

#### **Water Level Measurements**

In order to maintain a sustainable supply of water and ensure that your water source is not impaired by future withdrawals, static water levels **should** be measured and recorded monthly using a consistent methodology. Static water level is defined as the water level in a well when no pumping is occurring and the water level has fully recovered from previous pumping. Static water level data should include the following elements:

- Unique Well ID Number.
- Measurement date and time.
- Measurement method (air line, electric tape, pressure transducer, etc.).
- Measurement accuracy (to nearest foot, tenth of foot, etc.).
- Description of the measuring point (top of casing, sounding tube, etc.).
- Measuring point elevation above or below land surface to the nearest 0.1 foot.
- Land surface elevation at the well head to the nearest foot.
- Static water level below measuring point to the nearest 0.1 foot.

#### **Water Use Efficiency**

The water right holder is required to maintain efficient water delivery systems and use of up-to-date water conservation practices consistent with RCW 90.03.005.

#### **Proof of Appropriation**

Final beneficial use calculations for each connection to the Wedgwood Estates water system, either independently or combined, shall be determined during the investigation at the Proof of Appropriation stage.



The water right holder shall file the notice of Proof of Appropriation of water (under which the certificate of water right is issued) when the permanent distribution system has been constructed and the quantity of water required by the project has been put to full beneficial use. The certificate will reflect the extent of the project perfected within the limitations of the permit. Elements of a proof inspection may include, as appropriate, the source(s), system instantaneous capacity, beneficial use(s), annual quantity, place of use, and satisfaction of provisions.

#### **Schedule and Inspections**

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the project location, and to inspect at reasonable times, records of water use, wells, diversions, measuring devices and associated distribution systems for compliance with water law.

#### **General Conditions**

You (applicant) will pay to Ecology the sum of \$234.43, which represents a proportionate amount of the payment due and owing to the United States for storage and delivery of water under Paragraph 15(a) of Water Storage and Exchange Contract No. 09XX101700, between the Bureau of Reclamation and the State of Washington Department of Ecology, Yakima Project, Washington, dated January 29, 2009.<sup>1</sup> The consumptive use of 0.288 acre-feet from September 1 through March 31 is subject to the terms and conditions in the Water Storage and Exchange Contract No. 09XX101700.

You (applicant) will record with the Kittitas County Auditor a property covenant as required under WAC 173-539A-050 that restricts or prohibits trees or shrubs over a septic drain field on Parcel Nos. 957007, 957008, 957009, and 957010.

You (applicant) will record with the Kittitas County Auditor an appropriate conveyance instrument under which the applicant obtains an interest in Trust Water Right No. S4-05259CTCL@2sb7 to offset consumptive use.

Any valid priority calls against the source Trust Water Right No. S4-05259CTCL@2sb7, based on local limitations in water availability, will result in temporary curtailment of the use of water under the permit until the priority call for water ends.

#### **Findings of Facts**

Upon reviewing the investigator's report, I find all facts, relevant and material to the subject application, have been thoroughly investigated. Furthermore, I concur with the investigator that water is available from the source in question; that there will be no impairment of existing rights; that the purpose(s) of use are beneficial; and that there will be no detriment to the public interest.

Therefore, I ORDER approval of Application No. G4-35577, subject to existing rights and the provisions specified above.

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<sup>1</sup> "Long-Term Water Storage and Exchange Agreement between the U.S. and the State of Washington, Department of Ecology" (Contract No. 09XX101700), [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cro/images/pdfs/exchangecontract\\_012909.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cro/images/pdfs/exchangecontract_012909.pdf), accessed on May 23, 2012.



### Your Right To Appeal

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the Order.

File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.

- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.
- You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

| Street Addresses   | Mailing Addresses   |
|--|---|
| <b>Department of Ecology</b><br>Attn: Appeals Processing Desk<br>300 Desmond Drive SE<br>Lacey, WA 98503 | <b>Department of Ecology</b><br>Attn: Appeals Processing Desk<br>PO Box 47608<br>Olympia, WA 98504-7608 |
| <b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b><br>1111 Israel RD SW Ste 301<br>Tumwater, WA 98501               | <b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b><br>PO Box 40903<br>Olympia, WA 98504-0903                       |

Signed at Yakima, Washington, this 19 day of NOVEMBER 2012.



Mark Kemner, LHG, Section Manager

For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: <http://www.eho.wa.gov>. To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser>.

### BACKGROUND

This report serves as the written findings of fact concerning Water Right Application Number G4-35577.

#### *Priority Processing*

This application is being priority processed because it qualified under the criteria under which an application may be processed prior to competing applications (WAC 173-152).



**Table 1:** Summary of "Requested" Water Right

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Applicant Name</b>      | Eli Shoval  |
| <b>Date of Application</b> | 8/2/2012  |
| <b>Place of Use</b>        | Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7 of WEDGWOOD ESTATES, according to the Plat recorded in volume 12 of Plats at page(s) 12-14, records of Kittitas County, Washington. Parcel Nos. 957007, 957008, 957009, and 957010. |

|               |                  |                     |                 |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>County</b> | <b>Waterbody</b> | <b>Tributary To</b> | <b>WRIA</b>     |
| Kittitas      | Groundwater      |                     | 39-Upper Yakima |

|                   |             |             |                 |                     |                   |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Purpose</b>    | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Unit</b> | <b>Ac-ft/yr</b> | <b>Begin Season</b> | <b>End Season</b> |
| Domestic Multiple | 33          | GPM         | 1.568           | 01/01               | 12/31             |
| Irrigation        | 33          | GPM         | 0.087           | 06/01               | 09/30             |

|                    |               |                 |            |            |            |             |                 |                  |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Source Name</b> | <b>Parcel</b> | <b>Well Tag</b> | <b>Twp</b> | <b>Rng</b> | <b>Sec</b> | <b>QQ Q</b> | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> |
| 1 Well             | 957004        | APG193          | 19N        | 15E        | 07         | NE          |                 |                  |

CFS = Cubic Feet per Second; Ac-ft/yr = Acre-feet per year; Sec. = Section; QQ Q = Quarter-quarter of a section; WRIA = Water Resource Inventory Area; E.W.M. = East of the Willamette Meridian; Datum: NAD83/WGS84.

### Legal Requirements for Approval of Appropriation of Water

RCWs 90.03 and 90.44 authorize the appropriation of public water for beneficial use and describes the process for obtaining water rights. Laws governing the water right permitting process are contained in RCW 90.03.250 through 90.03.340 and RCW 90.44.050. In accordance with RCW 90.03.290, determinations must be made on the following four criteria in order for an application for water rights to be approved:

- Water must be available.
- There must be no impairment of existing rights.
- The water use must be beneficial.
- The water use must not be detrimental to the public interest.

#### *Public Notice*

RCW 90.03.280 requires that notice of a water right application be published once a week, for two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the water is to be stored, diverted and used. Notice of this application was published in The Daily Record of Ellensburg, Washington on September 14 and September 21, 2012. No comments or protests were received by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) during the 30-day comment period.

#### *Consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

Ecology must give notice to the Department of Fish and Wildlife of applications to divert, withdraw or store water (RCW 77.57.020). Notice was officially provided on October 1, 2012, during a Yakima Water Transfer Working Group (WTWG) meeting. A positive response was communicated in response to this proposal.



### *State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)*

A water right application is subject to a SEPA threshold determination (i.e., an evaluation whether there are likely to be significant adverse environmental impacts) if any one of the following conditions are met:

- (a) It is a surface water right application for more than 1 cubic foot per second, unless that project is for agricultural irrigation, in which case the threshold is increased to 50 cubic feet per second, so long as that irrigation project will not receive public subsidies.
- (b) It is a groundwater right application for more than 2,250 gallons per minute.
- (c) It is an application that, in combination with other water right applications for the same project, collectively exceed the amounts above.
- (d) It is a part of a larger proposal that is subject to SEPA for other reasons (e.g., the need to obtain other permits that are not exempt from SEPA).
- (e) It is part of a series of exempt actions that, together, trigger the need to do a threshold determination, as defined under WAC 197-11-305.

Because this application does not meet any of these conditions, it is categorically exempt from SEPA and a threshold determination is not required.

## **INVESTIGATION**

### *Site Visit*

A site visit was performed on June 7, 2012, for a previous application using the same source by Candis Graff and Anna Hoselton, both from Ecology.

### *Other Rights Appurtenant to the Place of Use*

No other water rights are appurtenant to the proposed place-of-use. No surface water rights from Spex Arth Creek within a .5-mile radius were confirmed by the adjudication court. Other ground water rights in the vicinity are summarized in **Table 2** below:

**Table 2:** Ground Water Rights within .5-Mile Radius of Point-of Withdrawal (POW)

| Control No.   | Document Type           | Authorized/Claimed Annual Quantity (Qa) | Purpose    | Source  |
|---------------|-------------------------|---|------------|---------|
| G4-108735CL   | Claim                   | Not Specified                           | DG, IR, ST | 1 Well  |
| G4-053368CL   | Claim                   | Not Specified                           | DG         | 1 Well  |
| G4-35435      | WBN/Application Pending | 0.609 ac-ft/yr                          | DS, IR     | 1 Well  |
| G4-35250P     | Permit                  | 21.9 ac-ft/yr                           | DM, IR     | 4 Wells |
| G4-35460P     | Permit                  | 0.414                                   | DS, IR     | 1 Well  |
| G4-35495P     | Permit                  | 0.414                                   | DS, IR     | 1 Well  |
| G4-35526P     | Permit Pending          | 1.24                                    | DM, IR     | 1 Well  |
| G4-35539      | Permit                  |   |            |         |
| G4-35540      | Permit                  | 0.414                                   | DS, IR     | 1 Well  |
| G4-35556      | Permit                  | 0.414                                   | DS, IR     | 1 Well  |
| G4-35581      | Application Pending     | 0.414                                   | DS, IR     | 1 Well  |
| G4-28206CWRIS | Certificate             | 1.0 ac-ft/yr                            | DS         | 1 Well  |

Definitions: WBN=Water budget Neutral, DM=Domestic Multiple, DS=Domestic Single, IR=Irrigation, DG=Domestic General, and ST=Stock water



**G4-108735CL** and **G4-053368CL** are short-form claims and represent permit-exempt groundwater uses.

WBN Pending Application No. **G4-35435** requests withdrawal from an undrilled well for domestic supply to serve one residence and incidental irrigation.

Permit Nos. **G4-35250P**, **G4-35460P**, and **G4-35495P** authorize multiple supplies for up to 80 connections total between the three permits along with approximately 5 acres of irrigation.

Permit Nos. **G4-35540** and **G4-35556** and Pending Application No. **G4-35581** request water from the same well for single domestic and incidental lawn and garden.

Permit No. **G4-35539** authorizes 1 well for single domestic and 500 square feet of lawn and garden irrigation.

**G4-2806CWRIS** authorizes single domestic supply seasonally from March 1 through October 31.

### Proposed Use and Basis of Water Demand

The DOH-approved Group B system, Wedgwood Estates, became effective on February 20, 2010, and is approved for 7 connections. With the approval of this application, 6 of the 7 connections have permit status. The source is currently metered.

The December 2009 *Water System Design Manual*<sup>2</sup> (WSDM) by DOH contains guidance for establishing water demands. The suggested methods, in order of preference, include:

1. Metered water production and use records.
2. Comparable metered water production and use data from analogous water systems. See WAC 246-290-221(3)(a) and Section 5.2.3.
3. The criteria presented in Chapter 5.

According to the WSDM, new systems or water systems that have no source meter records, information can be obtained from analogous water systems or from information presented in Appendix D in order to estimate Average Daily Demand (ADD) and Maximum Daily Demand (MDD) for residential connections (WAC 246-290-221(3)).<sup>3</sup> Analogous water systems are defined in Section 5.2.3 of the WSDM as systems with similar characteristics such as but not limited to: demographics, housing size, lot sizes, climate, conservation practices, use restrictions, soils and landscaping, and maintenance practices. As such, a reasonable level for a MDD for internal uses can be established at 350 gpd/ERU.

The MDD values are set at 350 gpd/equivalent residential unit, which is consistent with the WSDM. Under WAC 173-539A, 30% of domestic in-house use on a septic system is assumed to be consumptively used and 90% of outdoor domestic use is assumed to be consumptive.

Monthly and annual use at full build-out of the project were calculated based on the proposed 1 ERU, DOH's MDD, Ecology's Guidance Document 1210, *Determining Irrigation Efficiency and Consumptive*

<sup>2</sup> Department of Health, *"Water System Design Manual,"* Olympia, WA, 2009, pp. 27-32, [www.doh.wa.gov/chp/dw/Publications/331-123.pdf](http://www.doh.wa.gov/chp/dw/Publications/331-123.pdf), accessed on May 23, 2012.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Health, *"Water System Design Manual,"* Olympia, WA, 2009, pp. 28, [www.doh.wa.gov/chp/dw/Publications/331-123.pdf](http://www.doh.wa.gov/chp/dw/Publications/331-123.pdf), accessed on May 23, 2012.



Use, the Washington Irrigation Guide (WIG) for outdoor water use, and the assumptions found in WAC 173-539A. A crop irrigation requirement (CIR) for grass in the Cle Elum area of 18.11 inches was estimated using the WIG. Assuming the outdoor use is 90% consumptive, consistent with WAC 173-539A, and applying the WIG's CIR, the outdoor water requirement for 500 square feet (0.046 acre) of grass is 0.078 acre-feet per year. The calculated consumptive use and total calculation considered factors specified in WAC 173-539A and are summarized in Table 3 below.

**Table 3: Estimated Total and Consumptive Use**

|                               | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | June | July | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Annual |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| Total Use (acre-feet)         | .133 | .120 | .133 | .128 | .133 | .144 | .164 | .156 | .145 | .133 | .128 | .133 | 1.655  |
| Total Consumptive (acre-feet) | .040 | .036 | .038 | .038 | .040 | .053 | .067 | .060 | .053 | .040 | .038 | .040 | .548   |

**Table 4: Estimated Indoor/Outdoor Water Use Per ERU**

|                    | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Indoor (gpd)       | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| Outdoor (gpd)      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 43  | 82  | 60  | 45  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| <b>Total (gpd)</b> | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 393 | 432 | 410 | 395 | 350 | 350 | 350 |

### Impairment Considerations

Impairment is an adverse impact on the physical availability of water for a beneficial use that is entitled to protection. A water right application may not be approved if it would:

- Interrupt or interfere with the availability of water to an adequately constructed groundwater withdrawal facility of an existing right. An adequately constructed groundwater withdrawal facility is one that (a) is constructed in compliance with well construction requirements and (b) fully penetrates the saturated zone of an aquifer or withdraws water from a reasonable and feasible pumping lift.
- Interrupt or interfere with the availability of water at the authorized point of diversion of a surface water right. A surface water right conditioned with instream flows may be impaired if a proposed use or change would cause the flow of the stream to fall to or below the instream flow more frequently or for a longer duration than was previously the case.
- Interrupt or interfere with the flow of water allocated by rule, water rights, or court decree to instream flows.
- Degrade the water quality of the source to the point that the water is unsuitable for beneficial use by existing users (e.g., via sea water intrusion).



## Water Availability

For water to be available for appropriation, it must be both physically and legally available.

### Physical Availability

For water to be physically available for appropriation there must be ground or surface water present in quantities and quality and on a sufficiently frequent basis to provide a reasonably reliable source for the requested beneficial use or uses. In addition, the following factors are considered:

- Volume of water represented by senior water rights, including federal or tribal reserved rights or claims.
- Water right claims registered under RCW 90.14.
- Ground water uses established in accordance with RCW 90.44, including those that are exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit.
- Potential riparian water rights, including non-diversionary stock water.
- Lack of data indicating water usage can also be a consideration in determining water availability, if the department cannot ascertain the extent to which existing rights are consistently utilized and cannot affirmatively find that water is available for further appropriation.

### Legal Availability

To determine whether water to be legally available for appropriation, the following factors are considered:

- Regional water management plans – which may specifically close certain water bodies to further appropriation.
- Existing rights – which may already appropriate physically available water.
- Fisheries and other instream uses (e.g., recreation and navigation). Instream needs, including instream and base flows set by regulation. Water is not available for out of stream uses where further reducing the flow level of surface water would be detrimental to existing fishery resources.
- Ecology may deny an application for a new appropriation in a drainage where adjudicated rights exceed the average low flow supply, even if the prior rights are not presently being exercised. Water would not become available for appropriation until existing rights are relinquished for non-use by state proceedings.

## Hydrologic/Hydrogeologic Evaluation

The following hydrologic/hydrogeologic excerpts were prepared in a technical memorandum dated June 21, 2011, for a previous proposal and modified on September 17, 2012, for this proposal, by licensed hydrogeologist, Anna Hoselton and reviewed by Thomas Mackie, supervisor and licensed hydrogeologist, and seeks to address, by way of discussion, analysis, and evaluation, physical availability and potential for impairment to existing water users.

**Project Area Geologic/Hydrogeology, Water Availability, Impairment, and issues related to Spex Arth Creek** for well APG193 was previously evaluated for physical water availability and potential for impairment in the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Technical Memorandum written for permit file G4-35495 for Eli Shoval.



Permitting conclusions found in the previous evaluation are directly applicable to the current applications seeking to use well APG193 and are summarized below to include the current application:

#### **Water Availability**

Based on area topography, groundwater levels and flow direction calculations, groundwater captured by the subject well is most likely to reduce the Sub Surface Run Off (SSRO). Based on the hydrogeologic setting, well data, and the simplified water balance, **groundwater is physically available for the project**. Water availability, however, also includes policy, management and legal considerations and is ultimately a permitting/management decision that is, in part, based on the above information.

#### **Impairment**

The additional withdrawal of 1.590 ac-ft/yr per at existing well APG193 for application No. G4-35577 will result in additional drawdown of less than 1 ft in the vicinity of the well, but is not anticipated to result in impairing effects on existing rights.

WAC 173-539A withdrew from appropriation all groundwater within upper Kittitas County. Only new withdrawals of groundwater where the new appropriation is determined water budget neutral are allowed. The rule defines water budget neutral as "... an appropriation or project where withdrawals of ground water of the state are proposed in exchange for discharge of water from other water rights that are placed into the trust water right program where such discharge is at least equivalent to the amount of consumptive use." The appropriation proposed under the subject application will be water budget neutral by dedicating 0.548 ac-ft/yr of consumptive use available from the Suncadia Water Exchange to mitigation purposes. Table 3 above represents the estimated monthly consumptive use for the project.

#### **Beneficial Use**

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The proposed uses (multiple domestic and irrigation of lawn and garden) of water are defined in statute as a beneficial uses (RCW 90.54.020(1)). Public Interest Considerations

When investigating a water right application, Ecology is required to consider whether the proposal is detrimental to the public interest. Ecology must consider how the proposal will affect an array of factors such as wildlife habitat, recreation, water quality, and human health. The environmental resources and other natural values associated with the area were taken into account during the consideration of this application.

#### *Consideration of Protests and Comments*

No protests were filed against this application.

#### **Conclusions**

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In conclusion,

- Water is physically available at the quantities sufficient to meet project demand. When combined with the proposed mitigation measures, water is legally available under the provisions of WAC 173-539A.
- RCW 90.54.020 recognizes domestic and irrigation uses as beneficial uses of water.
- Approval of the proposed appropriation will not result in impairment of existing water rights.



- Approval of the proposed appropriation is not detrimental to the public interest.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Based on the above investigation and conclusions, I recommend that this request for a water right be approved in the amounts and within the limitations listed below and subject to the provisions listed above

### **Purpose of Use and Authorized Quantities**

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The amount of water recommended is a maximum limit and the water user may only use that amount of water within the specified limit that is reasonable and beneficial:

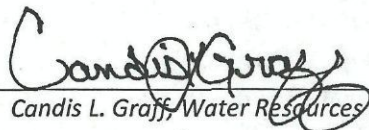
- 17.92 gpm.
- 1.655 af/yr (1.568 af/yr for multiple domestic and 0.087 af/yr for irrigation).
- Continuous indoor multiple domestic for up to 4 residences.
- Seasonal irrigation of up to 0.044 acre of lawn and garden from June 1 through September 30 annually.

### **Point of Withdrawal**

Once well (APG-193) located approximately 1520 feet west and 1860 feet south from the northeast corner of Section 7, within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 19 North, Range 15 E W.M.

### **Place of Use**

As described on **Page 2** of this Report of Examination.



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